

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD**

USE EXCLUSION

(Acre)
CODE 472

DEFINITION

Excluding animals, people or vehicles from an area.

PURPOSES

To protect, maintain, or improve the quantity and quality of the plant, animal, soil, air, water, cultural, and aesthetics resources and human health and safety.

CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

In areas where vegetative establishment and maintenance, soil condition, water or air quality, wildlife or aesthetic values are in need of protection. This practice is also applicable in areas that pose a safety hazard or contain cultural resources. Barrier life expectancy must be described to accomplish intended purposes.

CONSIDERATIONS

All areas should consider existing or potential liability to the planning agency or the landuser based on safety, health and public relations.

Barriers may consist of both natural and artificial structures. For structures and specifications see Table 1.

CRITERIA

Barriers must be adequate to prevent use by targeted vehicles, animals or people.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications for applying this practice shall be prepared for each site and recorded using approved specification sheets, job sheets, and narrative statements in the conservation plan, or other acceptable documentation. Other conservation practices will compliment this practice. Other practices include: Vegetative Barrier, Windbreak 392/422A, Fence 382, Hedgerow Planting 422, Dike 356, Rock Barrier 555.

Specifications for each structure will vary depending on the intended purpose or grade of exclusion.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Barriers will be periodically inspected and remedial repairs will be performed as needed.

Conservation practice standards are reviewed periodically, and updated if needed. To obtain the current version of this standard, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Table 1. Natural and Artificial Structures			
NATURAL STRUCTURES	PRACTICE STANDARD	ARTIFICIAL STRUCTURES	PRACTICE STANDARD
Hedgerow Planting	422	Boulders	N/A ¹
Living Fences	See Feces 382	Dike	356
Vegetative Barrier	National Interim	Fences	382
Windbreak	392/422A	Gates and Signs	N/A
		Logs	N/A
		Rock Barrier	555
		Trench	N/A
¹ No Standards and Specifications			